



BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION 2009

Competitor Biography



Staff Sgt. Neftali H. Bonilla
U.S. Army Pacific Command
NCO of the Year

Current Unit of Assignment:

Headquarters & Headquarters Co., Task Force 49
Aviation, Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Time in Service: 4 years

Staff Sgt. Bonilla is currently a safety NCO for Task Force-49 Brigade at his second duty station in Fort Wainwright, Alaska. In 2005, he completed a 12-month deployment to Mosul, Iraq. Bonilla is a graduate from the Cold Warrior Leadership Course, Combatives Level I, and is combat life saver qualified.



His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (3); Army Achievement Medal (3); Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Iraq Combat Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Aviation Badge; Combat Action Badge; and Driver and Mechanic Badge. In 2009, he achieved Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for U.S. Army Pacific Command.

He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

A native of Mexico, Bonilla is married and has three children.